

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, May 21, 2009 7:30 a.m.

Auburn Civic Center, Room 10, Auburn, CA 95603

Meeting called to order by Chair Louise Burda Gilbert

A quorum was declared. Those present: Everett Jensen, Aloha Baumgarten, Louise Burda Gilbert, Sue Dings, new commissioners: Kristin Aplin, Marti Niles, and guests Mariko Leonard, Nancy Lange, City Manager, Robert Richardson. New commissioners and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Minutes of April 21, 2009 were accepted.

Project Reports: Art in Public Places

Streetscape project: Louise reviewed the plans for art in the Streetscape project. Bridgett Powers has offered to make contact with Doug Van Howd to explore a major piece donation/discount and will take pictures of bronze sculptures at the local artist's studio for the Commission to evaluate and recommend as possible art pieces for one or more of the three pedestals available. Marti and Louise volunteered to visit another local artist's studio for other suggestions. City council will be advised of the outcome of these efforts and if the donation/discounts are not available from these two prominent local artists then the Commission will make further recommendations relating to a selection process for the alternate art pieces and artists as well as giving an estimated budget for the art proposed. Aloha has reported that the cost of bronze casting is quite expensive and that many thousands of dollars in costs may be anticipated unless there are artists who will make a substantial donation of their work.

Elks Club wall mural: Bob Richardson reported that the artist, Patrick Shields plans to install his "Spirit of the Horse" mural on the Elks Club wall beginning July 1. Nancy Lange asked if it would be a good subject to promote at the August 13 Art Walk, if completed by then. She will consider and report back if she determines that there is an appropriate place to view the mural.

Dancing Dog mural: Louise reported Gary Graham is still available to work with his Sierra College students on a mural to cover the disintegrating mural on the wall of Dancing Dog Productions. The city council plans to integrate the cost of this mural into the streetscape budget.

City Hall Gallery: Mariko Leonard, the AAC Volunteer Gallery Coordinator distributed the schedule for the 2009 and 2010 gallery shows. Everett Jensen and his students are currently displaying their art during May and June. Hannah Peterson, chair of Auburn's Youth Commission, is arranging a gallery show of local youth art for June and July.

Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center: Sue reported there was a full house for the first concert, by the Mitguards. APPAC has hired a professional theater management company, to guide the board on raising funds and all phases of managing the State Theater. Many groups are asking for performance dates. A youth theater company, Take Note Troupe is presenting a free show, *Much Ado About Nothing* in Loomis schools on May 29 & 30 to benefit APPAC.

School Park Preserve: World Music Day is June 20, 12 to 5 p.m. at the School Park Preserve. April Maynard is spearheading the celebration on behalf of Placer Arts, in cooperation with Auburn Arts Commission and APPAC. Anyone interested in playing is asked to email April at: 'april.mayn@gmail.com' with "Music Day" in the subject line. Louise offered to contact April about the Arts Commission selling water as a fundraiser for public art. Aloha, Kristin & Marti volunteered to help.

Guide to Public Art Brochure: The brochures need to be restocked throughout Auburn about every 3 months. Kristin and Marti volunteered to help. Sue will give them the list Marilyn Crout formed.

New Business:

Nancy Lange offered to be the liaison to Placer Arts and Placer Visitor Center. Louise asked her to get official permission from both groups.

Future agenda items:

1. Use of the School Park Preserve on Art Walk nights to showcase local artists who wish to exhibit at that venue including music to draw art walkers between old town and up town.
2. Discussion of AAC sponsoring an annual Art Show in the School Park Preserve.

Meeting adjourned: at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Sue Dings, Secretary

Next Meeting June 11, 8:00 a.m. Rose Room

